

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants cancelled claims 1-20 as originally filed and published in the International Application No. PCT/IB02/00541, and add new claims 21-35 which are sufficiently the same as claims 1-15 of the ANNEXES to the enclosed International Preliminary Examination Report. The annexed claims 1-15 were filed in response to the Written Opinion in the International application No. PCT/IB02/00541. Only the new Claim 28, corresponding to the annexed claim 8, was additionally amended to avoid multiple dependency and to comply with the US PTO rules. In making these revisions care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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